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The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Where a suitable Adi-Dravida candidate is available for nomination, he would be preferred. Where such ones are not available, Adi-Dravidas who have embraced other persuasions will be given a chance of being nominated."

Municipal Councils.

Alleged cancellation of the licence for the ginning and decorticating factory at Kurnool.

*2330 Q.—Mr. K. SARABHA REDDI : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the licence for ginning and decorticating factory of Gunda Narasimhayya and Bijanapalle Rosayya of Kurnool has been cancelled by the Government, and if so, for what reasons ;

(b) whether the licence for the said factory had been granted by the Municipal Council of Kurnool ; and

(c) whether the Government propose to compensate the factory owners Gunda Narasimhayya and Bijanapalle Rosayya ?

A.—(a) In exercise of the powers conferred upon them under section 36 (i) of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, the Government have cancelled the execution of the resolution of the Kurnool Municipal Council, No 349, dated 14th November 1925, in which permission was granted to Messrs. Gunda Narasimhayya and Bijanapalle Rosayya to erect a ginning factory in the Rissala, Kurnool municipality, as in the opinion of the Government its execution was likely to cause danger to the health of persons residing in the locality.

(b) The municipal council granted permission for the construction of the factory on 14th November 1925, but long before that date the factory had been built and the machinery had been installed.

(c) No.

Public Health.

Preservation and issue of anti-smallpox vaccine.

*2331 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what were the results of the new method of the preservation and issue of anti-smallpox vaccine in the year 1925–26 ; and

(b) what further improvements have been introduced or are in contemplation ?

A.—(a) The information required by the hon. Member is embodied in the annual vaccination report, and the annual administration report on the working of the King Institute, Guindy. The vaccination report for 1925–26 has been received by the Government and will be issued shortly. The report on the

working of the King Institute has not yet been received. Copies of both the reports will be furnished to the hon. Member as early as possible.

(b) Experiments are constantly being devised to improve the methods of preserving vaccine lymph. Proposals for the construction of a new vaccine theatre are now under consideration which will make it easier to keep the calves under conditions favourable to securing an efficient vaccine, and to carry out the mixture of vaccine with glycerine under strictly aseptic conditions.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" With reference to the answer to clause (b) of the question, may I know what defects have been found in the vaccine used at present ?"

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" It is considered that glycerine lymph is more effective than the canoline lymph."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" The answer implies that the vaccine that is issued at present is not of an effective nature or that it is not prepared under aseptic conditions. In spite of the attempts that are being made, I want to know what defects are still found in carrying out the mixture of vaccine with glycerine."

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" There are methods of preparing and carrying the vaccine from place to place. Unless it is carried under aseptic conditions efficiency will be lost."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" The Government must have been aware of these defects for a long time. Why have the Government not taken any steps to have a proper vaccine theatre and equip the institution with all the necessary machinery to mix vaccine with glycerine ?"

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" The former theatre was intended for the preparation of canoline lymph and the conditions that satisfy the preparation of that lymph do not satisfy the preparation of glycerine lymph. The theatre has to be adjusted according to the requirements of the present method of preparation."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" We are dealing with a serious matter, small-pox vaccine. More than a year ago we were informed that vaccine was mixed with glycerine. I want to know why no provision was made and no measures taken to have a proper and new theatre up to this time."

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" It was considered that that theatre was quite good for the preparation of glycerine lymph. But experience has shown that it is not quite suited for the preparation of that kind of lymph."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" In a matter of serious importance, are we to expect the Government to be carrying on experiments eternally to the great detriment and sufferings of the people ?"

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" It is only by experience that we gain knowledge."